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SUBJECT: MEGAPORTS TEAM COMPLETES KAOHSIUNG SITE SURVEY

¶1. A Department of Energy (DOE) Megaports Program team headed by Program Officer Michael Bedke of the National Nuclear Safety Administration conducted a site survey of the Port of Kaohsiung the week of July 10. The team gathered the necessary information to prepare a preliminary plan for installation of radiation detection equipment at the port. Another team will return to Kaohsiung around mid-September to brief stakeholders on the plan and obtain agreement/approval from terminal operators and Taiwan officials. The team expects that installation of the equipment will begin in spring or summer of 2007 and last six to eight months.

¶2. The Megaports team also informed Taiwan Customs officials that DOE would arrange training for up to 10 Taiwan officials at DOE's Volpentest Hazardous Materials Management and Emergency Response Training and Education (HAMMER) Center at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Washington State. The training will likely take place in late August or mid September 2006. Additional training will be provided for technical staff in the late stages of the construction phase.

¶3. This telegram was cleared by DOE Megaports Program Officer Michael Bedke.

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